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## News Release

## FORMER TERRORIST SUSPECT IS DEPORTED TO MOROCCO

Acquitted of terrorism charges, he later pleaded guilty to mail fraud

DETROIT — A former terrorist suspect was deported to Morocco late Wednesday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) officers.

Ahmed Hannan, 36, a citizen and native of Morocco has been in federal custody since his arrest Sept. 17, 2001. Hannan was one of four individuals apprehended at a Detroit apartment six days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Hannan was tried and acquitted in 2003 on charges of supporting terrorism.



However, Hannan later pleaded guilty to mail fraud in March 2005 after admitting that he attempted to defraud an insurance company by claiming \$2200 for non-existent injuries. U.S. District Court Gerald E. Rosen sentenced Hannan to six months in prison and ordered his removal from the United States.

"ICE remains committed to restoring integrity to the immigration process," said ICE Detroit Field Office Director Rob Baker. "This ends a lengthy chapter for an individual who attempted to exploit our nation's immigration laws." Baker heads the DRO office covering the states of Michigan and Ohio.

Detention and Removal Operations promotes public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to removal are deported as expeditiously as possible.

# ICE #

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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